

Outline

- I. You were forgiven of all sin—past, present, and future.
- A. You might be tempted to think, *That's heresy, Andrew, but I can prove it to you from the following scriptures:*

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.... [15] And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Hebrews 9:12 and 15

For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. [2] For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.

Hebrews 10:1-2

By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.... [14] For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Hebrews 10:10 and 14

But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, [23] To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect.

Hebrews 12:22-23

- B. You might wonder, *But, Andrew, how can God forgive a sin before I commit it?*
- C. Well, you'd better pray that He can forgive a sin before you commit it because He only died for your sins one time 2,000 years ago, long before you ever committed them.
- D. If you're born again, sin is not an issue between you and God.

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II. If you go out and live in sin, you're just inviting Satan in (Rom. 6:16).

- A. You're throwing open the door to your life and saying, "Shoot your best shot! Destroy me. Have at me."

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

John 10:10

- B. If you're living in sin, you're stupid.

- C. But God loves you, stupid.

III. Speaking of God's grace, Paul quoted these verses in Romans:

Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, [7] Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. [8] Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not [future tense] impute sin.

Romans 4:6-8, brackets mine

- A. Verse 8 doesn't say "did not" or "does not," but "*will not.*"
- B. God will never hold sin against you!
- C. Now, it's true that if you're in sin, you won't prosper, but that's not because God isn't blessing you.
- D. You might be saying, "Come on, Andrew. What's the difference? Either way, I'm not prospering!"
- E. The difference is that if you think God is angry with you and is imputing your sins unto you, then you'll never have any boldness, confidence, or faith.
- F. But if you understand this truth, you can say, "God, thank You that You never turned away from me. You never took the blessing back. I stopped it through my own stupidity. I gave Satan this place in my life. I welcomed him in. How dumb can I get and still breathe? Thank You, God, that You still love me."
- G. Then you can just turn on the devil and say, "I don't care what I've done. Jesus is still my Lord, and I refuse to allow you to dominate me" (James 4:7).
- H. It's huge for you to understand that your transgressions have been forgiven and that all your iniquity has been taken away (Ps. 103:11-12).

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- IV. We should be glad that God's covenant with Noah was an unconditional covenant.
- A. God told him, "I'll never destroy the earth again with a flood."
 - B. He didn't add, "As long as you never do anything wrong again."
 - C. If the covenant had been conditional, God would've already destroyed the earth again with a flood.
 - D. We deserve it.
 - E. But it was an unconditional covenant (Is. 54:9).
- V. God has never been angry with you since you became born again.
- A. He has never rebuked you, regardless of what you think.
 - B. Your own conscience smites you, and Satan—the accuser of the brethren—condemns you (Rev. 12:10), but God does not (Rom. 8:31-35).
 - C. Your own heart is condemning you, and you've blamed it on God.
 - D. God is not mad at you.
 - E. He's not even in a bad mood.

ANDREW'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

For further assistance with overcoming condemnation, check out my teaching entitled *The War Is Over*. It'll help you become more confident in your relationship with God.

Discipleship Questions

1. You were forgiven of _____ sin—past, present, and future.
2. *Discussion question:* How does it feel knowing you are forgiven?

3. True or false: Sin is still an issue between you and God.
4. Why shouldn't you go out and live in sin (Rom. 6:16)?

5. According to John 10:10, "*The _____ cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.*"
6. If you're living in sin, you're _____.
7. True or false: God loves you whether you're living in sin or not.
8. Romans 4:6-8 says, "*Even as David also describeth the _____ of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, [7] Saying, _____ are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. [8] _____ is the man to whom the Lord will _____ impute sin.*"
9. True or false: If you're in sin, you will still prosper.
10. Why is it important to understand that God will never hold sin against you?

11. If you understand this truth, what can you say to God?

12. What can you say to the devil (James 4:7)?

13. *Discussion question:* Since God has taken away your iniquity, how do you want to respond to Him (Ps. 103:11-12)?

14. God's covenant with Noah was what kind of covenant?

- A. Unconventional
- B. Conditional
- C. Conventional
- D. Unconditional
- E. Circumstantial

15. If the covenant had been conditional, why would God have already destroyed the earth again with a flood?

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16. *Discussion question:* Why do you think God swore He would never flood the earth again (Is. 54:9)?

17. True or false: God has been angry with you since you became born again.

18. What smites you?

19. According to Romans 8:31-35, who condemns you?

- A. Satan
- B. God
- C. People
- D. Angels
- E. Demons

20. What else condemns you?

21. True or false: God is not mad at you; He's not even in a bad mood.

Scriptures

HEBREWS 9:12

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ROMANS 6:16

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

JOHN 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

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PSALM 32:2

Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

ROMANS 4:6-8

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JAMES 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

PSALM 103:11-12

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. [12] As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

HEBREWS 8:12

For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

HEBREWS 10:17

And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

ISAIAH 54:9

For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.

REVELATION 12:10

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

ROMANS 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

ROMANS 8:31-35

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be

against us? [32] He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? [33] Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. [34] Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. [35] Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?